(e) how much time will be required for the completion of this airport work; and

(f) what is the contribution of Karnataka for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The State Government of Karnataka has proposed for construction of a Greenfield airport at Gulbarga in Karnataka.

(b) A total of 667.2 acres of land is required for the project.

(c) Cost of the project has not been worked out.

(d) No provision has been made in the budget for the current year 2006-07.

(e) Land is yet to be handed over to Airports Authority of India (AAI) by the State Government of Karnataka. Therefore, no time frame can be fixed at this stage.

(f) Government of Karnataka has agreed to acquire and hand over the total required land to AAI free of cost and free from all encumberances and also to contribute Rs. 20 crores towards the cost of the project.

X-ray machines at airports

3194. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not taking steps to ensure that the maximum number of X-ray machines operate at all times to screen baggage at security points at all airports;

(b) the reasons for allowing one screening X-ray machine for hand baggage to operate at Hyderabad and other airports; and

(c) the specific reasons on why more X-ray machines are not operational at all airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) As per the requirement of flights and availability of space in the Security Hold Area (SHA) required number of X-ray machine have been installed at the airports in the country.

Details of X-ray machine provided at Hyderabad Airport are as

under:—

(i) Domestic Terminal for Registered Baggage (RB) -2 and for Hand Baggage (HB) - 3.

(ii) International Terminal for RB-I and for HB-2.

Similarly at other airports also the number of X-ray machines provided are as per the passenger traffic.

(c) Due to capacity constraints and infrastructural limitations at the existing airports more X-ray machines cannot be installed. However, required number of X-ray machines for screening of hand baggage and hold baggage of passengers have been installed at the airports.

Lack of facilities at Hyderabad airport

3195. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that slippery floors and very inconvenient designs are being constructed at the arrival areas of Hyderabad airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that no consideration has been given to passenger comforts and needs at Hyderabad airport;

(c) whether earlier complaints and representation on the substandard construction at Hyderabad airport have drawn the attention of Government;

(d) the reasons for Government not acting immediately oh such matters; and

(e) the steps proposed to inspect the basic facilities at Hyderabd airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir..

(b) No, Sir. Various passenger facilities at airport area are planned/ finalized keeping in view the passenger comforts and needs only. Strict quality control measures are followed for all development works at Hyderabad airport.

(c) No serious complaint/representation regarding sub-standard construction at Hyderabad airport has been received.

(d) Does not arise.